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**US EPA Region VIII**

**Attn. Mr. Paul Peronard, SEPR-EP/ Mr. Joe Newton-On-site**

**On-Scene Coordinator**

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**RE: US EPA Region VIII Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) No. CERCLA-8-2000-10,  
Libby, Mt. Export Plant Removal Action, Schedule Update**

**Dear Mr. Peronard:**

**Please see below the anticipated schedule of work to be performed at the Export Plant location:**

**Wednesday 10/18/00**

- Conduct pre-encapsulation inspection of the Warehouse.
- Apply encapsulant to Warehouse interior pending approval.
- Collect final clearance air samples from the Warehouse.
- Continue preparation of the Pole Barn for cleaning including setting up decon. facilities.
- Millwork West personnel will remove damaged parts from the planer so they may be repaired prior to the next planer run (if time allows).
- Start evaluating oily soils found in west yard

**Thursday 10/19/00**

- Receive results of final air clearance sampling of Warehouse.
- Remove decon. facilities from within the Warehouse.
- Begin cleaning within the Pole Barn (anticipate pre-encapsulation inspection 10/30/00)
- Railroad to begin removing rail spurs (no soil excavation will take place during rail removal activities) *Must be done in accordance w/ Site HOS plan  
T-16-1 to J-11 START on 10/18/00*

**Friday 10/20/00**

- Backfill floor inside Warehouse with clean fill from Granite concrete.
- Railroad to complete removal of rail spurs.

**Saturday 10/21/00**

- Formalize the exclusion zone surrounding the limit of excavation at the Export Plant.
- Three grids will be cleared and grubbed of vegetation using dust control measures starting in the northwest corner of the site.
- Soil excavation will begin and continue in this manner until complete or problems arise.
- Transport excavated soils to mine disposal area.

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- Conduct confirmation soil sampling.

Wednesday 10/25/00

- Begin preparing the Lumber Storage shed for cleaning including setting up decon. facilities.
- Demo interior walls and bag vermiculite from the Lumber Storage shed for disposal at mine site.

Monday 10/30/00

- Conduct pre-encapsulation inspection of the Pole Barn.
- Apply encapsulant to Pole Barn pending approval.

Tuesday 11/1/00

- Collect final clearance air samples from the Pole Barn.
- Begin cleaning the Lumber Storage Shed (anticipate pre-encapsulation inspection 11/8/00)

Wednesday 11/2/00

- Receive results of final air clearance sampling of the Pole Barn.
- Remove decon. facilities from within the Pole Barn.

Wednesday 11/8/00

- Conduct pre-encapsulation inspection of the Lumber Storage shed.
- Apply encapsulant to Lumber Storage shed pending approval.

Thursday 11/9/00

- Collect final clearance air samples from the Lumber Storage shed.

Friday 11/10/00

- Receive results of final air clearance sampling of the Lumber Storage shed.
- Remove decon. facilities from within the Lumber Storage shed.

Please call if you have any questions concerning this schedule update.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Stout".

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10/16/00

**Progress Report to date  
Export Facility  
Libby, MT**

- Final Clearance air samples passed for small shed. Removed critical barriers and installed poly on floor. Small shed was then used for storage of clean material/stock from warehouse.
- 9/20/00- Started cleaning of materials/stock from the warehouse and storing in small shed.
- URS and contractors working on small temporary building. URS is constructing plywood, etc. storage bins and overhead lumber storage bins. AC&S' crew is assisting with installing roofing sheet on the structure.
- Plans were made to request the Burnett's permission to disconnect power from the retail office at 1500 hrs on 9/29/00.
- To facilitate the possibility of utilities having to raise lines when the retail office is moved to the new site on Highway 2. Meetings were held and everything seemed to go as scheduled.
- A problem appeared on 9/29/00 when there was no means of supporting the stand up lumber as previously planned. Progress was accomplished when Allen Stringer, WR Grace, directed the contractor to build platforms to elevate the 12' lumber in position to lean against the trusses.
- The retail office was moved and power and phone service was operational on 9/30/00.
- The moving of Millwork West's materials and stock was completed on 10/6/00.
- URS began work on the warehouse on 10/7/00. All walls on the outside of the warehouse were covered with poly.
- Demolition of the warehouses interior walls, etc. commenced on 10/9/00 and was completed on 10/15/00. Power washing started on 10/10/00 in the warehouse with completion expected today, 10/15/00.
- Surveyors onsite 10/6/00 to layout excavation grid with elevations of grid points completed in three-3 days.
- URS installed most of the perimeter fence and some erosion protection. URS needs to have railroad materials relocated offsite from south/ southwest edge.
- Power drops were completed and perimeter air monitoring stations should have uninterrupted power for the duration of the soil excavation process.
- AC&S constructed a decontamination pad at the north east gate. URS started hauling rooftops, lumber stored in the west field and debris stored around the small shed to the mine on 10/10/00.
- URS presently hauling cut up "steel" fabrications to the mine. Expected completion date of this task should be 10/15/00 or 10/16/00.